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SUBJ: SOVIET ENVIRONMENT MODIFICATION PROPOSAL:

MALIK SPEECH

1. AS EXPECTED, USSR PERM REP MALIK OPENED FIRST COMMITTEE DISARMAMENT DEBATE OCT. 21 WITH SPEECH LARGELY DEVOTED TO SOVIET PROPOSAL ON PROHIBITION OF ACTION TO INFLUENCE THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE FOR MILITARY AND OTHER PURPOSES INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, HUMAN WELL-BEING AND HEALTH. MALIK, HOWEVER, REFERRED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO MILITARY PURPOSES IN SPEECH AND DID NOT DEFINE WHAT "OTHER PURPOSES" MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN SOVIET INITIATIVE.

2. CITING SOVIET CLOUD SEEDING FOR DROUGHT CONTROL, US PRECIPITATION MODIFICATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND POSSIBILITIES FOR INFLUENCING TSUNAMIS, ARCTIC ICECAPS AND THE ATMOSPHERE, MALIK SAID POSSIBILITY OF INFLUENCING THE

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ENVIRONMENT FOR MILITARY PURPOSES WAS A "SERIOUS THREAT

TO LIFE ON EARTH." HE QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM GROMYKO
PLENARY SPEECH WHICH INTRODUCED ENMOD ITEM AND ADDED
LITTLE TO THAT SPEECH, RESOLUTION AND CONVENTION.
MALIK ALSO CONNECTED SUMMIT JOINT STATEMENT ON ENVIRON-
MENTAL WARFARE TO SOVIET UNGA INITIATIVE, CALLING THEM
BOTH STEPS "SAVING MANKIND FROM THE THREAT OF METEROLOGICAL
WAR."

3. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT AFGHANISTAN, POLAND,
KENYA, THE GDR, IRAQ, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, SYRIA, MONGOLIA,
BARBADOS AND BULGARIA WOULD CO-SPONSOR.

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